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## What is claimed is:

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- a central processing unit;
- memory, said memory being connected to said central processing unit via said bus; and a syntax checker stored in said memory, said syntax checker providing simultaneous
- 6 feedback to a user regarding validity of more than one syntactic requirement, said
- feedback being simultaneously provided for each of said more than one syntactic
- 8 requirement.
  - 2. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said syntax checker is a password validation mechanism.
  - 3. A computer system, said computer system comprising:
  - a bus;
  - a central processing unit;
- memory, said memory being connected to said central processing unit via said bus; and
- a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing
- simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a password string for more than one
- 7 resource.
- 4. The computer system of claim 1 wherein said password validation mechanism
- simultaneously provides feedback for each of said more than one resource.
- 5. The computer system of claim 1 wherein said password validation mechanism
- simultaneously provides feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

1	6. The computer system of claim 5 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from
2	the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character
3	highlighting.
1	7. A program product, said program product comprising:
2	signal bearing media; and
3	a program product disposed on said signal bearing media, said program product being
4	a syntax checker, said syntax checker providing simultaneous feedback to a user regarding
5	validity of more than one syntactic requirement, said feedback being simultaneously
6	provided for each of said more than one syntactic requirement.
1	8. The program product of 7, wherein said syntax checker is a password validation
2	mechanism.
1	9. A program product, said program product comprising:
2	signal bearing media;
3	a program product disposed on said signal bearing media, said program product being
4	a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing
5	simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a password string for more than one
6	resource.
1	10. The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism
2	simultaneously provides feedback for each of said more than one resource.
1	11. The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism
•	simultaneously provides feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

1	12. The program product of claim 11 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected
2	from the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character
3	highlighting.
1	13. A method for providing feedback to a user, said method comprising the steps of:
2	receiving input information from said user;
3	checking whether said input information conforms with certain syntactical
4	requirements; and
5	presenting said user with feedback regarding more than one syntactic requirement, said
6	feedback being simultaneously provided for each of said more than one syntactic
7	requirement.
1	14. The method of 13, wherein said input information is a password string and wherein
2	said checking and presenting steps are performed by a password validation mechanism.
1	15. A method for providing feedback to a user, said method comprising the steps of:
2	receiving a password string from said user;
3	checking whether said password string conforms with certain requirements for more
4	than one password-protected resource; and
5	presenting said user with feedback regarding said certain requirements for each of said
6	more than one resource.
1	16. The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously
2	providing feedback for each of said more than one resource.

- 1 17. The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously
- 2 providing feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.
- 18. The method of claim 17 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from the
- group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character highlighting.